

DDDE Celebrates Earth “Week”

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In April, employees from the Defense Distribution Depot Europe (DDDE) in Gernersheim, Germany, organized a week full of events to benefit the environment.



During DDDE’s week-long celebration of Earth Day, employees planted flowers and swept outdoor areas.



“On the first day, we spruced up the area by collecting trash, sweeping, and planting flowers. Another day, we encouraged everyone to carpool or ride a bike to work,” said LTC Doug Nomura, USA, DDDE Commander.

DDDE also held an awards ceremony to recognize DDDE employees for their suggestions and participation in the new

Environmental Management System (EMS) designed to minimize any negative impacts on the environment.

American Legion Honors DDJC Police & Fire

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Tracy, CA’s American Legion Post 172 recognized Defense Distribution Depot San Joaquin, CA (DDJC) Police Officer Alvin Wong and Firefighter Ellis Archerda during the annual awards dinner to honor local public safety personnel from the surrounding area.

This recognition supports the Baldrige Framework Criteria for Performance Excellence in the Human Resource Focus category that enables employees to develop and utilize their full potential in alignment with DDJC’s overall strategy.

Wong joined the DDJC police force three years ago after serving in the law enforcement field since 1978, starting with the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department as a patrolman.

He served with the San Francisco Police Department for 10 years doing jail bookings, and investigating narcotics and gang activities. Wong has also worked in the security and investigations unit for the Yolo County Sheriff’s Department.

Wong holds California teacher’s credentials and teaches several criminal justice courses at the Police Officer’s

Standards and Training Academy in Sacramento and at a community college. He is enrolled at California State University, Sacramento, pursuing a graduate degree in criminal justice.

While at DDJC, Wong has developed and written procedures on crime scene investigation and collection of evidence, police report writing, vehicle violations, and rules of evidence. Most recently he developed a computerized police reporting system which significantly reduced time spent writing police reports.

Archerda joined the DDJC Fire Department in 2003 after serving with the Air Force for 12 years. His overseas duty included assignments in Saudi Arabia, Greece, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Japan and Germany. His civil service career began at Lemoore Naval Air Station. He transferred to Travis Air Force Base before coming to DDJC.

While at DDJC, Archerda has served as the safety coordinator and taken the lead on developing a new schedule that allows firefighters more quality time at home with families, while maintaining the required hours at work.

“When he is assigned a task, whether it is part of the daily routine or a detail that requires independent thought and resourcefulness, he always accepts it with enthusiasm,” said DDJC Fire Chief Arnold Dail. “His tasks are always completed on time and with little or no supervision.”

DDPH Gets Dunked



An employee tries his luck in a DDPH and FISC Pearl Harbor dunk tank fundraiser that raised \$180 for the Navy/ Marine Corp Relief Society. DDPH Commander Joe Vitelli, SC, USN, is on the receiving end.